



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE

May 31, 2000

Re: Our file: **11782-01**
Invention: **A NEW PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR RAPID AND HOMOGENEOUS MIXING OF FLUIDS IN CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS**
Application No.: **09/283,198**
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Country: **United States**
Inventor: **Fielder et al.**
Examiner: **David L. Sorkin**
Art Unit: **1723**
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Dear Sirs:

Agent for Applicant respectfully acknowledges receipt of office action dated March 2, 2000 and responds as follows:

Amendment to Claims

Agent for Applicant respectfully requests amendment to the following claims without the addition of new subject matter. Deletions therefrom are shown in square parentheses while additions thereto are underlined.

Examiner states that claims 1 and 2 are rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph. Claim 2 is specifically rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.